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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS STATISTICAL AND NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF 1973 ACTIVITY OF TRANS-ARABIAN PIPELINE CO. (TAPLINE) AND IRAQ NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (INOC) CRUDE OIL PIPE-LINES, FOR POSSIBLE USE MINERALS YEARBOOK. FORMAT FOLLOWS THAT OF PAST YEARBOOKS. DATA DELAYED AND STILL INCOMPLETE, NECESSITATING ESTIMATES FOR ONE TOTAL.

1. STATISTICS IN US BARRELS:

TAPLINE
THROUGHPUT 150,985,850
AVERAGE PER DAY 413,660
EXPORTS 143,373,622
AVERAGE PER DAY 392,804

IRAQ NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (INOC) (FORMERLY IPC)
BANIAS TERMINAL (SYRIA)
THROUGHPUT 190,198,935 (ESTIMATE)
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AVERAGE PER DAY 521,093 (ESTIMATE)

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EXPORTS	180,848,935
AVERAGE PER DAY	495,477

TRIPOLI TERMINAL	
THROUGHPUT	170,611,512
AVERAGE PER DAY	467,429
EXPORTS	159,696,081
AVERAGE PER DAY	437,524

FOOTNOTES: INOC DATA CONVERTED FROM METRIC TONS AT 7.4625 BBL PER TON. BANIAS THROUGHPUT NOT AVAILABLE BUT ESTIMATED BY ADDING ESTIMATED HOMS REFINERY KIRKUK CRUDE CONSUMPTION OF 35,000 BPD OR ONE MILLION BBL MONTHLY TO EXPORTS THROUGH OCT. 10, WHEN REFINERY SHUT DOWN BY ISRAELI BOMBING UNTIL VIRTUALLY YEAR END.

2. NARRATIVE. HIGHER AVERAGE TANKER RATES AND THE FEBRUARY 28 NATIONALIZATION SETTLEMENT BETWEEN IRAQ AND THE IRAQ PETROLEUM COMPANY (IPC) INCREASED 1973 EXPORTS BY THE THREE PIPELINE TERMINALS IN LEBANON AND SYRIA BY 23 PER CENT OVER 1972, DESPITE SOME DISRUPTION BY THE OCTOBER WAR, WHICH DELAYED SHIPPING AND CAUSED THE DESTRUCTIONOF PART OF THE BANIAS, SYRIA, TANK FARM, SHUTTING DOWN THAT TERMINAL FROM OCTOBER 10 TO NOVEMBER 3. THE THREE TERMINALS COMBINED EXPORTED AT MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF CAPACITY. INDIVIDUALLY, TAPLINE EXPORTED AT ABOUT 80 PER CENT, SLIGHTLY BELOW THE 1972 PACE, DUE TO BELOW-NORMAL LIFTINGS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. THE TWO-TERMINAL SYSTEM USED BY THE IRAQ NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (INOC), FORMERLY THE IRAQ PETROLEUM COMPANY (IPC) SYSTEM, OPERATED AT ABOUT 85 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, EXPORTING 42 PER CENT MORE THAN IN 1972 DUE TO THE RESUMPTION MARCH 6 OF NORMAL OPERATIONS AT TRIPOLI, WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED SINCE IRAQ AND SYRIA NATIONALIZED IPC JUNE 1, 1972. TRIPOLI OPERATED AT MORE THAN 85 PER CENT OF CAPACITY IN 1973 AND MORE THAN DOUBLED 1972 EXPORTS. THE BANIAS, SYRIA, TERMINAL, WHICH WAS SHUT DOWN FOR 24 DAYS IN LATE 1973 COMPARED TO A 37-DAY SHUTDOWN AFTER NATIONALIZATION IN 1972, EXPORTED NEARLY IDENTICAL AMOUNTS BOTH YEARS, ABOUT 83 PER CENT OF CAPACITY. ON MARCH 5, 1973, LEBANON JOINED
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SYRIA AND IRAQ IN CLAIMING OWNERSHIP OF IPC FACILITIES ON ITS TERRITORY, TAKING OVER THE PIPELINE, TERMINAL AND A REFINERY. AS OF MID-1974 NO SETTLEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN IPC AND SYRIA AND LEBANON.

COMMENT: USING PARA ONE DATA AND REFAIR, ABOVE NARRATIVE MAY BE SUPPLEMENTED AS DESIRED. AIRGRAM IN PREPARATION CONTAINING PARTIAL MONTHLY 1973 THROUGHPUT AND EXPORT

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